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# PUBLIC FORUM ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee is seeking public input regarding community concerns with the high containment laboratories at Fort Detrick and in Frederick County.

There will be a public forum on **Tuesday April 5 at 6:30 pm at the City Hall Board Room**, 101 North Court St, Frederick MD. The forum will be televised live on Local Government Channel 99.

The Frederick Board of County Commissioners and the City of Frederick appointed the Committee in November, 2010 based upon applications submitted by members of the community.

The purpose of the Committee is to:

- **Foster and facilitate two-way communication** between the Frederick County community and the operators of the high containment laboratories operating at Fort Detrick and elsewhere in Frederick County.
- **Seek information about issues of public concern** and ways to address those concerns, including the implications of laboratory operations on the safety and health of the community.
- **Advise and make recommendations on behalf of the public** to government, containment laboratory and Fort Detrick officials regarding opportunities to improve any laboratory-related matters that could impact public safety and health.

**The Committee is seeking public input to guide its priorities and its work, and asks the following questions:**

- 1. What information do you want to receive about the containment labs? What's the best way to get this information to the public?**
- 2. What questions, issues or concerns would you like to see the Committee address?**
- 3. What do you hope this Committee will accomplish?**
- 4. What do you think the Committee's priorities should be?**

Each speaker will have a maximum of five minutes. Written comments are encouraged, and may be sent to [CLCAC@cityoffrederick.gov](mailto:CLCAC@cityoffrederick.gov).

This is an initial information gathering meeting. While laboratory representatives will not be available at this meeting to answer questions, this will be done at later events. The Committee is concerned with current and future laboratories; past contamination issues are outside of its scope.

## **More about the Committee:**

### **Committee Scope:**

The Committee is accountable to the public, and to the Frederick Board of County Commissioners and City of Frederick. It operates independently of all containment laboratories and has no control or authority over any containment laboratory functions.

The Committee addresses matters that could impact the community's health and safety associated with the planning, design, construction, operation, and disposition of all Biosafety Level-3 (BSL-3) and Biosafety Level-4 (BSL-4) containment laboratories in Frederick County.

These laboratories include those associated with the National Interagency Biodefense Campus (NIBC) at Fort Detrick, as well as any other government or private laboratories operating within Frederick County. Included are the existing and planned laboratories operated by the Army (USAMRIID and others), the Navy, the Department of Homeland Security, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, the Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies.

Non-laboratory functions performed at Fort Detrick and in the Community that support public safety and health relative to the containment laboratories are included.

The scope of this Committee excludes routine daily garrison activities not related to containment laboratories or public safety and health concerns. The cleanup or restoration of Area B is under the purview of the Area B Restoration Advisory Board. The Committee scope excludes the Fort Detrick cancer cluster study initiated in 2010.

### **Committee Meetings:**

Regular meetings are held at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of every month in the Board Room at City Hall, 101 North Court Street, Frederick, MD. Additional meetings and public forums will be announced.

Meetings will be televised on Local Government Channel 99 and are also available to view from the City of Frederick website. See link under "online services".

**For more information, contact:** Public Information Officer Susan Harding, City of Frederick, 301-600-1385. Public Information Officer Robin Santangelo, Frederick County Government, 301-600-2590.

Sign up to receive email meeting notices at: [CLCAC@cityoffrederick.gov](mailto:CLCAC@cityoffrederick.gov). You can also contact the Committee via the "contact the CLCAC" link on the Committee website at <http://www.cityoffrederick.com>